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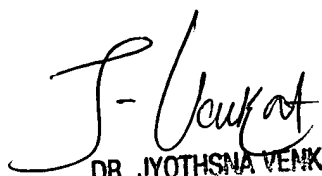
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The reply filed on 24 September 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the method step of isolating an intact clone from a multidigested library. This is a shift from the elected invention (Paper No. 7) of Group I to a non-elected invention of Group III. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).


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